

Town of Amherst
Zoning Board of Appeals - Special Permit

DECISION

Applicant: Mary Moore Cathcart and Ariana Inglese

Date application filed with the Town Clerk: May 30, 2006

Nature of request: A Special Permit to operate a home furnishings store under Section 9.22 of the Zoning Bylaw

Address: 319 Main Street (Map 14B, Parcel 28, R-G Zoning District)

Legal notice: Published on June 7 and June 14, 2006 in the Daily Hampshire Gazette and sent to abutters on June 5, 2006

Board members: Ted Rising, Russell Frank and Jane Ashby

Submissions: The petitioner submitted the following:

- A Management Plan
- A drawing of the proposed sign, to be located over the entrance along Main Street
- A floor plan of the proposed store, dated 5/19/06
- A Town of Amherst GIS map of the property and vicinity
- Photographs of the building and the interior space of the proposed store
- A landscaping plan for the exterior front and side of the building space under consideration

Site Visit: June 20, 2006

The Board met with Mary Moore Cathcart at the site. They observed the following:

- The space proposed for the home furnishing store, located at the western end of the building
- The five other rental spaces within the building
- The small parking area in front of the building and the larger parking area at the westerly end of the building, next to the proposed store.
- The commercial business district across Dickinson Street to the east that has a variety of businesses
- The Emily Dickinson Museum directly across Main Street
- The residential homes to the south and west of the site

Public Hearing: June 22, 2006

Board Chair Ted Rising read a letter from applicant Ariana Inglese, dated June 22, 2006, requesting that the application be withdrawn without prejudice.

Zoning Board Decision:

Ms. Ashby made a motion to approve the applicants' request to withdraw their Special Permit application for a home furnishings store, without prejudice. Mr. Rising seconded the motion.

The vote was UNANIMOUS to APPROVE the request to WITHDRAW Special Permit application FY2006-00048 for a home furnishings store, without prejudice.

TED RISING

RUSSELL FRANK

JANE ASHBY

FILED THIS _____ day of _____, 2006 at _____,
in the office of the Amherst Town Clerk _____.

TWENTY-DAY APPEAL period expires, _____ 2006.
NOTICE OF DECISION mailed this _____ day of _____, 2006
to the attached list of addresses by _____, for the Board.

NOTICE OF PERMIT or Variance filed this _____ day of _____, 2006,
in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

